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Sophie Katz has just offered a man \$12,000 for his services... Is she desperate or just *meshugeneh*?

Considering the kind of disasters that usually befall the half-black, half-Jewish mystery writer, probably both. Because the last time Sophie saw sexy P.I. Anatoly Darinsky, he practically danced a jig when she waved goodbye? a normal reaction for a man who'd nearly bought the farm trying to protect her from her own foolishness. What are the chances he'd agree to take incriminating pictures of her sister's philandering husband? Or that he'd let her tag along? you know... for research?

But when her brother-in-law turns up dead and her sister becomes the prime suspect, Sophie's priority is finding the real killer. With or without Anatoly's help. Her brother-in-law's secret life yields plenty of suspects, but the San Francisco police aren't taking any of them seriously. So Sophie does what comes naturally to her: she stirs up trouble (to lure the killer out, of course).

But if her crazy plan works, will Anatoly be there to protect her this time?

### Passion, Betrayal And Killer Highlights Details

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## From Reader Review Passion, Betrayal And Killer Highlights for online ebook

### Julie H. says

With a title like this, it didn't have to be good! I started this late one night/early one morning after finishing Laura Lippman's *What the Dead Know*--which was simply too unsettling to send your subconscious off into 5-6 hours of obsessing over--and it was just the trick. Main character Sophie Katz is a mystery writer cum- slightly incompetent but well-intentioned detective (a la Stephanie Plum as bounty hunter in Janet Evanovich's series) whose sister has just learned that her husband is having an affair. Later that same day, the sister discovers the murdered body of said philandering husband and quickly assumes Slot #1 on the police suspect list. As a mystery it's not all that strong, but that's not really what it's marketed as. Instead, it's a chick-lit fiction title (it's published by Red Dress Ink, so it's not like you weren't warned) that has the silly, fun, brash sort of stuff you'd expect. My favorite line from the book is main character Sophie Katz's announcement that, "Yeah, but I'm invincible. After the nuclear holocaust, it's gonna be me, Cher and the cockroaches" (p. 190). If it's top-notch detective fiction you're looking for, look elsewhere. However, if it's just good-hearted escapism, these are some fun folks with whom to spend an evening or two.

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### Christi Exman says

Love these light-hearted fun mysteries with wonderful characters! Easy read when *Lolita* seems a bit much. (Sorry the title isn't underlined. How does one do that in text/typing?). Anyway, good sequel, didn't disappoint. ?

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### Vicki says

Great follow up to the adventures of Sophie Katz. Once again she gets involved with people she shouldn't have but manages to make it work in the end with help from her handsome Russian crush and her band of friends: hairdresser, make up consultant, and sex toy shop keeper. The book series is fast paced and entertainingly funny.

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### Sunshine☆☆☆ says

Sophie's sister finds her husband dead. This is of course after he admitted to having an affair. Sophie hires the sexy Anatoly to help investigate who did it and this leads to all sorts of revelations about the dead man. It's an easy story to follow along though some of the characters are annoying. And as a side note, the female narrator of the audiobook makes the woman have deeper voices than the men....

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### Aubrey says

I love Sophie so much, holy Toledo! She's very unapologetically self-aware, but that doesn't stop her from

spiraling into chaos. And sometimes a little chaos is very fun!

We see a lot of her sister Leah this time around. At first, she is very difficult to sympathize with - even when we find out her husband was murdered. She's just such a damn snob, it made her incredibly unlikable to me.

As time goes on, we see more of Leah - more of the real Leah, I should say. And the more she shines, the more we see that sass and ferocity runs deep in the Katz women. And that's absolutely bloody brilliant.

So much of this book revolves around Leah's case, we don't see too much character development on Sophie's end. But that's fine, she's a little busy dealing with the family crisis and hiring the man who's life she almost ruined to help her. She's got quite a bit on her plate.

What we do see, though, is a great amount of growth and development in her relationships - both with Leah and Anatoly. As I grew to like Leah more and more, seeing the relationship between the sisters shift and change and strengthen made me happy. (As an only child, I haven't one clue about the dynamics of sibling relationships. They're rather fascinating to me.)

Once again, Sophie dives in head first, almost recklessly, in this case in order to save her sister. Thankfully, she has Anatoly as an ally this time - albeit a reluctant one at first. This book is just as much fun as the first. It's a good mix of humour, danger, fun, and flirtation. I cannot wait to continue with this series!

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### **Shirley Worley says**

This second book in the series brings Sofie and her Russian love interest, Anatoly, closer together as they try to prove her sister Leah is innocent of murdering her womanizing husband. The two sisters seem as different as night and day. Frankly, even for a light-hearted chick-lit, Leah gets on my nerves a bit and her poor parenting skills seem off-kilter for a woman who coveted being a wife and mother and providing her executive husband with all the material appearances of a perfect life. I think Leah and Mary Anne should be BFFs. Sophie proves to be the ever-loyal sister and her bumbling antics to keep Leah from being arrested lead her to find several other suspects. Things become steamy between Sophie and Anatoly. The story combined the best of an easy read: fun characters, mystery, and romance.

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### **Lorin Turner says**

Very entertaining mystery but I figured out the culprit(s) really quickly. The love story is good too but I don't understand how they can keep their hands off each other. They are both a little pretty passive aggressive. The characters remind me of the Samantha Plum gang but the Sophie Katz gang have much more depth. Sophie is just as spunky as Samantha but in my opinion is more intelligent and mature. She plays games with most people but is completely loyal to get friends and family. The story is really funny and I'm thoroughly enjoying it.

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### **Violet says**

Oh my gosh, I'm so behind my reviews it ain't even funny.

Not that I have something profound to say, yet it's my personal indulgence to write something about a book

I've read/skimmed/didn't read. But I'm a lazy ass bum and I've finished this book in September 2017 and lo and behold, only a year later here's my review!

A lot of stuff happened in a year, but let's talk about something else.

Pope Francis visited my little country last week, the visit all fine and dandy, even I dragged my lazy ass to wave at his cool vehicle, because I'm fond of celebrities.

And yet, some shitsheads, starting with a local one hit wonder celebrity, were incensed. We here in Lithuania are predominantly Catholics and population is predominantly white, so the outrage - a half-Senegalese, half-Lithuanian little girl was among the meeting group, because she knew Italian and Pope Francis was really glad to chat with her.

Cue - the shitsstorm. Why her, why not a blue eyed blond, 100% pure blood Lithuanian? Oh the horror.

People are seriously talking, discussing, feeling the outrage BECAUSE OF THE CHILD.

Who said hello to Pope Francis.

I am literally sick. What does it remind me of? Let's look up some history.

School Integration – October 17, 1957 – The Students At Central High – Past Daily Reference Room

*The scene at Central High in Little Rock in 1957 – Tolerance and doing-the-right-thing being suspiciously absent that year.*

Why are people like that? What is their damage?

I mean Holy Jebus, Pope Francis actually had to DEFEND that girl, because 1. it's in his job description to love all people equally, 2. IT'S A CHILD.

So, writing the review kinda triggered me - with book's heroine being the half-black, half-Jewish mystery writer. And bloody good at it.

The book is alright, fun, witty and lighthearted.

5\*, because world needs more books like that.

And either some miracle anti-racism vaccine or zombie apocalypse. I'm all for zombie apocalypse, but poor zombies would starve, because those racists idiots lack the brain.

OK, vaccine it is.

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## **Tina says**

I thoroughly enjoyed this book! If was a bright, funny mystery novel featuring half black-half Jewish mystery writer Sophie Katz. Her wanna be Martha Stewart sister, Leah is accused of the murder of her husband Bob.

But Sophie is convinced of Leah's innocence. She hires the handsome Russian PI Anatoly to help investigate Bob's murder. The two of them uncover facts about Bob's double life and the two of them get closer together as well.

Like I said, this book was fun. I loved the characterizations of the two sisters, Sophie to coffee addict and Leah the wanna be perfect wife whose idols are Martha Stewart and Emily Post. This is chick-lit mystery done right.

### **Erin L says**

Another fantastic, light vacation read. Perfect reading for the plane and for sitting in airports for long layovers.

I'm glad I've finally gotten around to discovering Sophie Katz and her delightful side-kicks. In this book, Sophie, Anatoly and Leah are investigating Leah's husband's murder. Leah (Sophie's sister) is suspect #1 as Bob was shot on the same day he told her he'd been having an affair and was leaving her for another woman.

This is another series I'd compare favorably to Stephanie Plum - the early Stephanie Plum, not the formulaic books that are making up the more recent books in the series. We have lies, love and a whole lot of crazy in this book.

Luckily, it's still a fairly short series and I don't have a lot of books to read to get caught up/finish

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### **Amy says**

Loving Sophie Katz and her situations she is always finding herself in. And Anatoly sounds hot. One to book 3.

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### **Dee Dee Walker says**

This book just didn't have enough substance to keep me interested. I was hoping to find something comparable to Janet Evanivitch but it fell flat. I found the humor was mostly in the form of sarcastic one liners. I can't say that the plot really worked for me either.

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### **Renee M says**

Another fun, light read with some sister bonding and Anatoly in the bedroom. :)

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### **Sunny says**

When her sister Leah is made the prime suspect for her good-for-nothing husband's murder, Sophie Katz needs all the help she can get to prove her innocent. Unfortunately, that includes help from Anatoly Darinsky, an attractive Russian P.I who she recently tried to incarcerate.

Filled with twists, unique characters, and plenty of laughs, "Passion, Betrayal and Killer Highlights" promises not to disappoint readers looking for a fun read.

I read the first book in this series, and I enjoyed it, so I naturally decided to read its sequel. It had the same fast-moving plot, humor and light writing style I liked in the last book. The story in this one was more complex (in a good sense) than its predecessor, however.

I like the fact that these books aren't entirely independent stories, and have some overall progress in the main character's personal life (of course, that does mean it's better to read them in order).

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### **Kristen says**

I love this series. It's so much fun and the irreverent sarcastic humour is one of its best features.

Sophie is absolutely hilarious and the trouble she gets herself into, while typical for a cozy mystery is really ramped up and I just love it!

This book was slightly less my favourite compared to the first book in the series. I'm not a fan of family drama, and this book was all about family drama. Sophie's sister and her monster child, while amusing, do get on my nerves a bit, and as this entire book was about the sister's husband - the murder victim - we spend a lot of time with both of them.

This series is fun and light and easy to read. I love the characters and as previously mentioned especially the humour in this which makes me laugh out loud.

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